GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2138
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2002
ARTEFECTS LYING IN FORTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Historical Wealth lying in dust` appearing in The Hindu dated July 14, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether any survey was conducted by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to prepare a report on excavation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; (

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether lack of recording important data nullifies the entire excavation process; and

(g) if so, the details of the excavation done by the ASI during the Ninth Five Year plan?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Information is given at Annexure I.

(f) No Sir, findings of all excavations are scientifically documented and recorded in the site note-book as well as through drawings and photographs. These are also published in the departmental publication Indian Archaeology - A Review for the corresponding year.

(g) Information is furnished at Annexure II.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFFERED IN REPLY TO PART (b) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2138 TO BE ANSW ON 29.07.2002

But for the introductory chapter, report on the excavation of Burzahom (Srinagar, J&K) has been written and submitted to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) by the excavator, Shri T. N. Khazanchi and some chapters by Shri B. M. Pande. Shri Kazanch has again been assured of all technical help for completing the remaining writing work. In respect of other sites reported in the news-item, the position is that the report on Nagarjunakonda has been written and it`s Vol. I is published in 1953 as an ASI Memoir, while the second and final one, is in press; Kalibangan Vol. I is written and submitted, is presently in press, while Vol. II, i.e., the final one, is under preparation; the Vikramsila report has been submitted by the excavator and now only incorporation of line-drawings and fresh photographs with legends and textual referencing remain to be done; in case of Thanesar, the excavator has already been invited to write and assured of necessary logistic and technical support and as far Dholavira the excavation is still continuing and as such writing of detailed report at this stage dose not arise. It is also necessary to mention that the results and highlights of each of the above-mentioned excavations have been duly published in the ASI bulletins of respective years of excavation besides in various research journals or books.

The selected and representative antiquities of all the sites are displayed in museums and others are kept in the safe custody of the ASI.

ANNEXURE II

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2138 TO BE ANSWERED (29.07.2002

SITE WISE DETAILS OF PLACES EXCAVATED BY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA DURING NINTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

S. No.	Site	Distt.	State
1.	Sri Surjyapahar	Goalpara	Assam
2.	Talatal Ghar complex,	Joysagar,	Sibsagar
3.	Maidam No.2 (burial mound) at Charaideo	Sibsagar	Assam
4.	Warangal Fort, Warangal	Warangal	Andhra Pradesh
5.	Kapavaram	East Godavari	Andhra Pradesh
6.	Asokan Pillar Site at Kolhua	Muzaffarpur	Bihar
7.	Stupa mound at Kesariya	East Champaran	Bihar
8.	Old Jail Campus, Bankipura	Patna	Bihar
9.	Rajgir	Nalanda	Bihar
10.	Chandimau	Nalanda	Bihar
11.	Bakraur, (Sujata Kuti), Bodhgaya	Gaya	Bihar
12.	Tughaluqabad Fort, Delhi	Delhi	Delhi
13.	St. Augustine Church, Old Goa	North Goa	Goa
14.	Chandore	South Goa	Goa
15.	Dholavira	Kachchh	Gujarat
16.	Hatab	Bhavnagar	Gujarat
17.	Sahastraling Talav, Patan	Patan	Gujarat
18.	Sun Temple, Modhera	Mehsana	Gujarat
19	Rakhigarhi, Rakhi Shahpur and Rakhi Khas	Hissar	Haryana
20	Naurangabad	Bhiwani	Haryana
21	Kangra Fort	Kangra	H.P.
22	Kanispur	Baramulla	J&K

23. Jafar Chak Jammu J&K

24 Guru Baba-ka-Tibba Jammu J&K

25 Ambaran Jammu J&K
26 Hampi Bellary Karnataka

27 Kanganhalli, Sannati Gulbarga Karnataka

28 Gudnapur Uttara Kannada Karnataka
29 Mirjan Fort North Kanara Karnataka
30 Ancient Palace Lal Mahal Srirangapatna Karnataka
31 Bekal Fort Kasargod Kerala

32 Ummichipoil and Thaluyadukkam Kasargod Kerala
33 Chichali West Nimar Madhya Pradesh

34 Ubhariya Betul Madhya Pradesh

36 Sanchi Raisen Madhya Pradesh

37 Kotwal (Kutwar) Morena Madhya Pradesh
38 Satdhara, Raisen Madhya Pradesh

39 Bijamandal Mound, Khajuraho Chattarpur Madhya Pradesh
40 Mandhata Khandwa Madhya Pradesh

41 Deur Kothar (Barhat) Rewa Madhya Pradesh

42 Rock Shelter at Bhimbetka Tehsil Raisen Madhya Pradesh
Obedullahganj
43 Daraki Chattan, Indragarh Mandsaur Madhya Pradesh

44 Mansar Nagpur Maharashtra

45 Paithan Aurangabad Maharashtra

46 Hingona Sim Jalgoan Maharashtra

47 Khalkapatna Puri Orissa

48 Udaigiri Jajpur Orissa

49 Barabati Fort, Cuttack Cuttack Orissa
50 Dhalewan Mansa Panjab

51 Lachhura Bhilwara Rajasthan

52 Oyjena Bhilwara Rajasthan

53 Shore Temple Complex, Mahabalipuram Kanchi-puram Tamil Nadu
54 Fort Gingee, Gingee Taluk,. Villupuram Tamil Nadu

55 Thakurani Tilla, Paschim Pillak South Tripura Tripura

56 Shyam Sunder Tila, Pilak Village South Tripura Tripura

57 Boxanagar West Tripura Tripura

58 Aunha Kanpur Uttar Pradesh

59 Bisokhar Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh

60 Sravasti (Mahet) Sravasti Uttar Pradesh

61 Bhita Allahabad Uttar Pradesh

62 Sankisa Farrukhabad Uttar Pradesh

63 Madarpur, Thakurdvara Moradabad Uttar Pradesh

64 Mandi Village, Titwi Muzaffarnagar Uttar Pradesh
65 Katingra Etah Uttar Pradesh

66 Bir Chhabili-ka-tila, Fatehpur Sikri Agra Uttar Pradesh

67 Orajhar, Sravasti Sravasti Uttar Pradesh
68 Chowkhandi Stupa, Sarnath Varanasi Uttar Pradesh
69 Residency complex, Lucknow Lucknow Uttar Pradesh
70 Rajpat at Khalsa, Gosanimari Village Cooch Behar West Bengal
71 Chandraketugarh North 24 ParaganasWest Bengal
72 Dum Dum Mound (Clive`s house) North 24 ParganaWest Bengal